AASU continues to lead research in sustainability, environmental and natural resources research that aims to solve the world’s leading environmental, economic and social challenges. Students interested in sustainability, environmental and natural resources choose to study a variety of subjects including business, biological sciences, humanities, civil engineering, political science, and tourism. From tackling global and local water purification and preservation to partnerships that strengthen biodiversity conservation efforts, sustainability is embedded in the ASU community. Individuals interested in sustainability, environmental and natural resources work towards researching new ways to reduce our carbon footprint, develop and test solutions to climate change, food insecurity and water shortages, and learn from Earth’s paleoclimate to predict the future of species and plant adaptability.

**Tips for success**

**Participate in research**
Sustainability, environmental and natural resources careers rely heavily on research advancement. Resources are available for students to begin research as early as your first year. Consider enrolling in ProMod, a project-based modular learning program open to students of all majors.

**Consider studying abroad**
In many places around the world, access to natural resources is scarce or underdeveloped. Consider studying abroad to challenge yourself and gain a global perspective. [studyabroad.asu.edu](studyabroad.asu.edu)

**Get involved on campus**
There are many student-led groups related to sustainability, environmental and natural resources. From harvesting and selling sustainable produce on campus to hosting rescued food festivals, these groups are dedicated to moving ASU’s sustainability initiatives forward.

**Possible career fields**
- Auditor
- Agribusiness
- Agronomy/Plant Science
- Architecture/Urban Planning
- Consulting
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Ecological Scientist
- Education
- Environmental Conservation
- Environmental Engineer
- Environmental Public Policy
- Environmental Resource Management
- Event Planning
- Fashion and Apparel
- Food Science
- Forestry
- Political Science
- Research and Development
- Waste and Recycling
Professional associations

There are several local and national professional associations that will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered. Some associations are free to join and others may offer student rates to become a member.

- Arizona Forward
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Greenpeace
- International Society of Sustainability Professionals
- National Association of Environmental Professionals
- National Association of Environmental Management
- Sustainable Food Trade Association
- Sustainability Management Association
- The Biomimicry Institute
- The Sustainability Consortium

Student organizations at ASU

Student organizations are another great way to get connected with fellow students with similar interests. Many student clubs bring potential employers to speak at meetings, host career-related events, and offer professional development opportunities. Check Sun Devil Sync for more information on joining student organizations.

- 33 Buckets at ASU
- Barrett Sustainability Club
- Campus Student Sustainability Initiatives
- Chispa at ASU
- Environmental Advocacy, Restoration and Technology for Humanity Club
- Environmental Policy in the Community
- Friends of Animals at ASU
- Global Water Brigades
- Green Resolve Club
- Honor Society for Sustainability
- Sustainability Alliance at ASU
- Greenlight Solutions

Next steps

Try searching for internships on Handshake or volunteer opportunities with VolunteerMatch.

Complete an internship

Do you prefer to work in the field, or in a traditional office setting? Interning is a great way to get hands-on experience in your field of interest and allow you to experience different work environments.